PANIC IN THE BOER ARMY. GEN. BOTHA'S ADMISSION APTER THE

PIGHTING NEAR JOHANNESBURG. force Behind Roberts, However, Is Showing strength and Seriously Threatens the Ratiway Line-This May Explain the Delay in the Advance From Johannesburg to Pretoris. Which Roberts Evidently Has Not

Began - Confusion in Pretoria - Banks Fear Attempts to Seize Their Funds. Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. (From THE SUN'S Correspondent at Pretoria.)

PRETORIA, Thursday, May 31, via Lorenzo Margues, June 3. - Commandant-General Louis Botha arrived here a few hours after midnight. He was seen by THE SUN'S correspondent, who questioned him regarding the condition of affairs at the front. He said that he had been in the addle for three days and three nights. There was fearful fighting on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday east of Orange Grove, three and a half miles from Jo annesburg, which had proved disadvantageous to the Boers.

Gen. Botha declared that if the real fighting Boers numbered only half as many as the invading force, the British would never have been able to get near Johanneshurg, but panie and despondency were ruling among a majority of the burghers. The commissariat was disorganized, and this increased the difficulty of his work enormously. Otherwise he was still hopeful.

PRETORIA, May 31 -By favor of Richard Barding Davis to Delagoa Bay, June 3, 8:40 A. M.-Since the departure of President Kruger and State Secretary Reitz for Lydenburg an extraordinary state of panic has prevailed here. The functions of government have been completely suspended.

Vesterday's issue of Treasury notes by the authorities is condemned by a majority of the public as being absolutely needless as over a million gold sovereigns were shipped from here the same day for Lydenburg. There is a bitter feeling among the officials whose salary checks for May, which were issued on May 29, were dishonored. This leaves the greater number of them with their families without means. Altogether chaos reigns in official cir-

A panic was caused yesterday afternoon by a report that President Kruger had ordered the commandeering of all the remaining coin and gold in the banks for Government purposes. It was said that the banks were to be raided at midnight by a special commando. On the report becoming known the combined banks informed Chief Justice Gregorowski and the remaining Government commission that any attempt to seize the gold would be met with med resistance on their part. Many of the advers residing in the city offered to assist anks in resisting an illegal seizure of their

RETORIA. Wednesday, May 30, via Lorenzo Marques, June 2.-The rapid advance of the British toward Johannesburg was checked yesterday, when flerce fighting, which lasted all day, took place around Elandsfontein. The Bokhurg and Johannesburg commandos esmany deeds of valor. They were under Commandant Ben Viljoen and Commandant Derk-

The East Rand Boer Artillery did fearful exe-Ton mounted on a railway truck, which they man puvred with extraordinary rapidity along ther ilway. This gun threw shrapnel a dis tane of six miles, and its fire demoralized the

It is stated here that the British casualties exceeded those of any previous battle of the

It is reported that President Steyn and Gen Christian DeWet have arrived in the vicinity of A force of Orange Free State Boers are east

of Bloemfontein. They are threatening the lines of communication of the British. The troops approaching Johannesburg from

west of the Rand were repulsed to-day. They retired to Zurbekom, two and a half hours from from other directions. One of the highest authorities of the republic,

before leaving here for Lydenburg was interviewed by the correspondent of THE SUN concerning the situation. He said that the next couple of days would decide the fate of the Transvaal. It would in that time either be completely defeated and have lost its independence, or the British army would have sustained one of the greatest disasters that had

about to be staggered in a wholesale manner. Considerable alarm was caused here by a report, which subsequently proved to be false. that the Makapan and other Kaffirs in the Wat rherg district had become involved in

Telegraphic communication with Johann burg is still intact.

JOHANNESBURG IS QUIET.

Gen Roberts Reports From His Camp Near the Town, but Says Nothing of Pretoria. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, June 3.-The following despatch from Gen. Roberts has been received at the

War Office:

"ORANGE GROVE, June 2, 2:25 P. M.-Johannesburg has been quiet since our occupation. Numbers of people are coming forward to surrender their arms and ; onies. The only guns left in the fort were a 6.3 muzzle-loading howitzer made at Woolwich in 1878 and two 65 mm.

"The Queenslanders on May 30 captured Cruesot gun and eleven wagons with stores and

"Commandant Botha of Zoutspanberg, a field cornet and 100 other prisoners were taken in the lighting around Johannesburg. Some of the latter belonged to the foreign and Irish contingents."

In another despatch, dated June 2, Gen. Roberts says: "Owing to the interruption of the telegraph I only to day received a report that Col. Sprage of the Thirteenth Battalion of Yeomanry was attacked while going from Kroon stad to Lindley on May 29. Casualties to fol-

"All was quiet here last night. The shops ere reopening. There seems to be a general

seling of relief over our peaceful occupation of the town."

recording the escape of four British prisoners NOTICE TO THE FILIPINOS. from Pretoria and describing the annexation ceremony at Bloemfontein.

The War Office publishes the names of nine officers of Gen. Ian Hamilton's command who were wounded on May 29 and three of Gen.

Roberts's officers wounded on May 30.

PIGHTING REHIND ROBERTS Boers Aiming to Destroy the Railwar -This May Explain Roberts's Delay.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, June 4.-Nothing has been received from the Transvaal from any source later than Geo. Roberts's despatches, the latest of which is dated Saturday, 9:10 P. M. Orange Grove, from which place Gen. Roberts telegraphs, is a pleasure resort three miles and a half north of Johannesburg, and his continuance there and his silence on Sunday seem to indicate that Pretoria has not yet fallen. None of the correspondents with his army is allowed to send

The only other news is from THE SUN'S correspondent at Pretoria, than which there is nothing later respecting the situation in the capital. There is the usual crop of rumors from Lorenzo Marques, but so many of them have been proved ridiculous by reliable reports from other sources that all of them may be safely gnored

There is every reason for regarding the stand the Boers are making in the eastern part of the Orange Free State as serious for the British. The fighting there has been heavy and determined, and it is at least conceivable that Gen-Roberts is waiting at Orange Grove until is satisfied that his return south with reenforcements will be unnecessary. The return of Gen. DeWet and President Steyn to the vicinity of Kroonstad and the expressions of the Boer leaders last week suggest an intention to deal an important blow, probably aiming to cripple Gens. Rundle and Brabant and to destroy the railway behind Gen. Roberts.

The latest news from Gen. Buller is dated June 1, when the Boers were still comfortably settled at Laing's Nek. Nothing has been heard from Gens, bildyard and Lyttelton since they occupied Utrecht and Vryheid, respec-It is assumed that they may be moving north toward the railway between Pretoria and Lorenzo Marques.

The Times correspondent at Lorenzo Marues says he learns from arrivals from that an arrangement has been made by which the British prisoners will be placed under an armed guard of British officers pending the occupation of the capital by the British. This action is ascribed to Gen. Botha and Burgomaster De Souza, both of whom have carned the respect of all classes.

SCHREINER MAY RESIGN. Cape Premier's Plan for Trial of Rebels Opposed by the Afrikander Bond.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN From THE SUN'S Correspondent at Cape Town. CAPE TOWN, June 1, 4:20 P. M .- Rumors are current to the effect that d legates of the Afrikander Bond met Prime Minister Schreiner for the purpose of considering a bill providing for the tral of rebels. The delegates, who were supported by the extreme wing of the Ministry. disapproved the draft of a bill that had been prepared by Mr. Schreiner. It is stated that this action will cause the Prime Minister' resignation when Parliament meets.

The Sanitary Board of the Cape Town Councli has reported that the complaints concerning the unsanitary condition of the camp occupied by the Boer prisoners are absolutely ground-

PLAGUE QUARANTINE NEEDLESS. Gov. Gage of California Will Try to Stop It on the Advice of Dr. Shrady.

ht between Gov. Gage. Shortridge, counsel for the Chinese Six Companies, the Governor will notify the State Board of Health to make an announcement declaring | hearing upon the policy to be pursued and the that danger of plague from San Francisco Chinatown is ended and to warn all cities to re frain from quarantining against San Fran-cisco. He will also use his influence with the frain from quarantining against San Francisco. He will also use his influence with the local board of health to have the present quarantine on Chinatown lifted immediately.

This action is the result of his talk with Dr. Shridy, in which the New York doctor candidly admitted that the present plague precautions were absurd and that he had no personal knowledge that there had been a case of genuine plague in Chinatown. He urged Gov. Gaze, however, to await until he reached New York before issuing this order, but the Governor made no promises. The Governor has been much disturbed over the hardships to Asiatics in Chinatown and the damage done to this city and State by the plague reports and he proposes to use all his influence to end what he considers a senseless scare. If the State Board of Health refuses to foliow his suggestions he says he will remove the contumacious members within a day and appoint a new board.

Dr. Shrady was seen at the close of the conference and he said: "I see no reason why Chinatown should be quarantined. It is like quarantining a ten-thousand acre field to stop the antining a ten-thousand acre field to stop the spread of a little prairie fire in the middle. Instead of stamping out an incipient blaze, if there is one, the Board of Health has marked out a great area and left it to be swept over before restricting the fire. The quarantine should be raised at once and the precautions of the Board of Health should be directed merely toward isolating houses wherein supposed plague cases have developed. That is the way this

ward isolating houses wherein supposed plague cases have developed. That is the way this matter would have been handled in New York. Smallpox cases would be handled in that way and bubonic plague is not to be feared as much by people as smallpox."

RAILROAD WRECKS IN OHIO. Five Persons Killed Near Hamilton and Three Near Fremont.

HAMILTON, Ohio, June 3.-A railroad wreck occurred at 8 o'clock this morning shortly above McGonigle station on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad, costing five lives and causing a heavy injury to the company. South-bound freight, No. 93, with En-gineer McClover of this city and Conductor William Lightsinger of Indianapolis in charge, was coming down the grade at a speed of between twenty and twenty-five miles an hour The engine was drawing thirty cars, including the caboose, all of which were loaded except two with hogs, packed hams, cattle, pig iron furniture and buggies. Upon striking a switch the engine jumped the track and soon the cars were piled in a heap. Fireman Tim Mahone and Brakeman Dave Starkey were found dead in the débris, and after several hour's work the bodies of three boys were dug out. They were

bodies of three boys were dug out. They were Ambrose Smith aged 17 and Herman Hansel, aged 19, who were returning from a dance at Connersville and were stealing a ride, and John B. Wright, an Indiana country boy.

FREMONT, Ohio, June 3.—Spreading rails caused a wreck on the Lake Erie and Western Railway six miles northeast of here at Erlin, Ohio, at four o'clock this afternoon. The engine and fifteen loaded cars of east-bound freight, No. 114, with their contents, flour, grain and lumber, were smashed to splinters and pileden a mass of debris fifty feet high. It was lirst reported that the train had gone through an open bridge. Enoch Bowser, fireman, and John Purtell, head brakeman, both of Lima, were killed instantly, both being pinned under the wreckage. A boy whose name is unknown was beating his way on the train and his body is supposed to be beneath the ruins.

Engineer Harribel was thrown from his cab high in the air and came down on top of the wrecked engine. Bowser leaves a wife and two children and Purtel, was to have been married next week. The damage will reach \$50,000.

A nicely dressed old woman whose friends the A filedy dressed old woman whose Friends the police desire to discover was found on Saturday night in East Houston street. "I am Mrs. Annie Dressier, 83 years old," she said yesterday in the police court. "I know I am lost. I am absent minded and cannot remember where I live or who my relatives are." She was sent to the Commissioner of Charities.

The Leafy month of June is charming on the Da Line Steamers. See steamboat advertisements.—Adv

OUR NEW COMMISSION ARRIVES AND STATES ITS PURPOSE.

To Grant All the Self-Government Consistent With Stability and Security-Suggestions Invited From the Filipinos-Our Purpose to Remain in the Islands-No Interference With the Military Government at Present. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MANILA, June 3.-The transport Hancock arrived here this morning after a fine voyage. having on board the members of the new Philippine Commission. The judges of the Supreme Court were the first visitors to the transport, and they were followed by Gen. MacArthur's The Commissioners landed at noon. Two

companies and the band of the Twentieth Infantry and a battery of the Sixth Artillery escorted them to the Ayuntamiento, where they were received by Gen. MacArthur. After tiffin Gen. MacArthur returned the call of the Commissioners, and Rear Admiral Remey also

In a formal interview this afternoon Judge Taft, President of the commission, said it was not the intention to issue a proclamation, but the commission recognized that the people were entitled to know their powers and purposes. He added:

"We have full instructions, and extensive powers have been given to us. We shall not fully exercise these powers until we have had ample time to acquire sufficient knowledge of the situation to proceed to enact legislative changes and reforms preliminary to the establishment of a stable civil government. Military Governor MacArthur will continue to perform the duties and exercise the powers discharged and wielded by Gen. Otis, and even after we take a full and active part in the government he will continue as its executive head until, on our recommendation, it shall seem to the President that the time has arrived for the appointment of a civil executive making the military forces merely auxiliary to the carrying on of the civil government. The military will then be available in cases of emergency for the suppression of lawle s violence too formidable to be overcome by the regularly organized police.

"We are aware that there are several issues of deep interest to the islanders, upon which it will probably be our duty to take some action. Part of these will involve merely judicial investigation and decision as to purely legal rights, while the remainder will require the careful exercise of political power to reach just and equitable results. Upon these issues I cannot be expected to say anything in adrance of final and deliberate conclusions.

Then followed the first official declaration to the Filipinos of the purpose of the United States to remain in the islands. It has been the constant complaint of the natives that they have had no authoritative explanation of American purposes. In making this statement Judge Taft expressed surprise that the Spooner bill was still unpassed, because it would be greatly beneficial to a satisfactory settlement of affairs here.

Continuing, Judge Taft said: "Representing the sovereignty of the United States, which it is the purpose of our Government to maintain. we are here to do justice to the Philippine people and to secure for them the best Government n our power and such measure of popular control as will be consistent with stability and the security of law, order and property. We are civil offic rs. We are men of The field of our work must ing. When those now in arms shall lay down on the justice, generosity and elemency of the United States, we shall give them as full a reforms to be begun as we will give to any one having an interest in the matter.

"We have come prepared to make Manila our home for two or three years, as the case may be, until the task of establishing a permanent civil government shall have been well begun. We invite suggestions from the Filipinos and all others who have sympathy with our purpose regarding needed changes in legislation and the Government, assuring them that we shall give their suggestions careful consideration, and adopt those adapted to carrying out the pur-

The Commissioners will remain on the Hancock until their houses are ready for occu-

attacked the town of Lotlan, Mindanao, killing seven and wounding four Americans. The rebels ost fifty-seven killed.

THE DEUTSCHLAND AGROUND. Big German Mail Steamer Stranded While Preparing for Her Maiden Voyage.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN KIEL, June 3.-The German mail steamer Deutschland is aground in the River Oder. The warships Odin and Ægir and the salvage steamer Seeadler have gone to her assistance. LONDON, June 4.-No details have been re ceived here regarding the stranding of the Ger man steamer Deutschland. The Daily Express says that the vessel was preparing for her maiden "oyage to New York.

ELECTRICITY TO KILL BACTERIA Vienna Dentist Said to Have Discovered Simple Process.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, June 4.- The Chronicle's Vienna correspondent ascribes to Dentist Zierler while experimenting at the Hygienic Institute at Wurzburg which was the cradle of the X ray. the discovery of a successful application of electricity for the destruction of bacteria. It is declared that the treatment is most simple, the currents employed being only a thousandth

ATTACRED BY HER INSANE SON. Insanity Not Suspected Till He Approached His Mother With a Razor.

TRENTON, June 3.-Samuel S. Moore, a son of Henry C. Moore, President of the Trenton Passenger Railway Company and also President of the Trenton Gas and Electric Company, became insane at 6:30 o'clock this evening. His father, mother and two younger sisters His lather, mother and two younger sisters were seated at the table in the diningroom of their home, 136 West State street, when he appeared from one of the upper apartments and passing to a position behind his mother attacked her with a razor, indicting a dangerous wound in her neck. He was in the habit of kissing his mother frequently and when he approached her the rest of the family thought that it was his intention to salute her in his usual way.

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His father disarmed him in a moment and physicians living nearby sewed up the wound in Mrs. More's neck. The report several hours after the occurrence was to the effect that she was comfortable and that serious results need not be apprehended. Her son is 24 years of age. He graduated from Princeton University two years ago. It is said that he has been extremely bright and that his condition is due to overstudy. He has been under medical treatment for nervous prostration for some time. When his father took the razor away from him he seemed not to realize what had occurred. He has been removed to the State Hospital for the Insane in West Trenton.

O'Nelli's Mammoth Sale of Hats. They are selling Women's Straw Hats cheaper at O'Neill's than it cost to make them. If you are going to buy a straw hat this season this is your opportunity. See their advertisement. 6th Ave.; 20th to 21st St.—Ads.

ASSAULT IN A PARLOR CAR.

Congressman Samuel B. Cooper of Texas Sued for \$10,000 Damages. WASHINGTON, June 3.-It is expected that

there will be several novel and interesting questions raised during the trial of the suit of George G. Barker of Boston, President of the National Dredging Company of Wilmington, Del., against Representative Samuel Bron-on Cooper of Texas to recover \$10,000 claimed damages for an assault made upor the plaintiff by the latter. From the prominence of the parties to the suit it may be expected that the legal fight will be carried out to a finish, although the fist fight was not. From what can be learned of the causes which led to the difficulty there appears to have been a wide difference of opinion between the gentleman from Massachusetts and the gentleman from Texas as to parlor-car etiquette. This question being settled, the right of one passenger to lec-

being settled, the right of one passenger to lecture another while aboard a train as to what is and what is not proper behavior will probably be made an issue in the court proceedings.

In the declaration filed by Mr. Barker on Saturday in the Supreme Court of the district, through his attorneys, Cotton & White, none of the circumstances surrounding the cause of the circumstances surrounding the cause of the circumstances surrounding the statement is made that on May 31, while coming to Washington in a Pullman car on the Southern Bailroad, Mr. Barker was assuited by Mr. Cooper while the train was passing through the State of Virginia. From a friend of Mr. Barker it was learned last night that the trouble between Mr. Barker and Mr. Cooper was the outcome of an incident which occurred while the gentlemen were journeying together in the same car from Mobile, Ala., to this city. Just here it may be stated that the parties had never met before and Mr. Cooper was he story goes, Mr. Barker and Mr. Cooper was the story goes, Mr. Barker and Mr. Cooper was the story goes, Mr. Barker and Mr. Cooper was the story goes, Mr. Barker and Mr. Cooper

il feeling between them.

As the story goes, Mr. Barker and Mr. Cooper occupied chairs on opposite sides of the side of the car. Mr. Cooper was expectorating on the carpet of the car near Mr. Barker, and much to his annoyance. Mr. Barker, it is said, called the matter to the attention of the porter, who placed a cuspidor near where Mr. Cooper was expectorating. This did not seem to have the desired effect, and Mr. Barker thereupon ventured to speak to Mr. Cooper on the subject. The latter, it is alleged, became very angry and said that he did not intend to be lectured on his/behavior by any one, and if it were not for the presence of ladies in the car, he said that he would resent then and there the alleged officiousness of Mr. Barker. He made no reply to the remarks of Mr. Cooper, and the car went rumbling on its way. An hour or more had passed, and to all appearances the incident was lorgotten. It was not so, however, as subsequent events proved.

About an hour before the train arrived in Washington, it is said, Mr. Barker proceeded to the lavatory in the rear end of the car to wash his hands. Soon after he entered the lavatory, it is said, Mr. Cooper put in an appearance and renewed the discussion relative to his expectorating upon the floor of the car. It is also said that, after expressing his opinion of the matter and also of Mr. Barker, he struck the latter a terrific blow in the face. Mr. Barker, it is said, did not return the blow, but called upon the conductor in charge of the car for protection and also to arrest Mr. Cooper, The conductor, it is stated, refused to interfere, and Mr. Barker reported the matter to the superintendent of the road, who is now having it investigated.

WOOING WITH A PISTOL.

Armed Sultor and a Frightened Woman in a Harlem Flat.

A woman leaned out of a rear window in the sixth story of the flat house at 15 Manhattan avenue, yesterday afternoon shouting "Mur-"Police!" Detective McManus, passing by, ran in, made his way to the sixth floor and kicked in the door. In the dining room he found a young man, well dressed and good looking, beating on the door of the kitchen and shouting to the screaming woman inside. "Let me in." shouted the man. "I want to

kill you. I'll kill any one who attempts to inter-

"Here," said McManus, rushing toward the man, "what's this row." The man levelled his pistol at the detective be confined to the regions where the and was about to pull the trigger when armed enemy have ceased operations. We can- McManus knocked him down. Then he sat not deal with men in arms. They will be dealt on the fellow and to'd the woman in the San Francisco, June 3.-As a result of a con- with by the army and the General command- kitchen that the danger was rast. three went to the 100th street police station, a curious mob following. At the station the woman said she was Carrie Sanger and that she lived in the apartments in which the row

woman said she was Carrie Sanger and that she lived in the apartments in which the row occurred. The man said he was Edwin J. Dawson, a clerk, of 214 West 126th street. Miss Sanger is about 28 years old and is tall and good looking. She told the police that the man had tried to kill her because she refused to marry him and he was locked up on a charge of felonious assault.

At 15 Manhattan avenue the name on Miss Sanger's bell is spelled Senges. There is also the name of E. Van Houten on the same bell. Miss Sanger, who was particular as to the spelling of her name, told a SUN reporter that she had been introduced to Dawson about a year ago by her sister Enily. She and Dawson had been good friends since, she said, and about two months ago he had asked her to marry him. She had refused, and since then he had been calling at the house daily, and had made life a burden to her by begging her to reconsider her answer. He called at toclock yesterday afternoon, and she ordered him out of the house. He came back again and pointed a pistol at her. Then he fied to the kitchen and locked the door behind her and scramed for help.

The police said later that the address Dawson had given as his was the back of the Harlem Opera House. They also said that his real name was not Dawson, but Davidson, and that he was connected with a firm of flour brokers in the Produce Exchange. In his pockets, they found a sliver-lated flour tester that bore the initials "E. J. D."

Dawson or Davidson rold Detective MoManna that he had made up his mind that if he could not have Miss Sanger, no one else should.

ILLINOIS STEEL CO.'S SHUT-DOWN. 3.500 Men Out of Work -Federal Company's Order Was Not Expected.

CHICAGO, June 3.—Three departments of the Illinois Steel Company's South Chicago plant closed down at 6 o'clock this morning, throwing 3,500 men out of employment for an indefinite time. The departments closed are: Open hearth, employing 2,000 men; plate mills, employing 600 men; slab mills, employing 500 men; gas houses, employing 400 men. No explanation was given with the order. No previous intimation of the action was made by the company, and many of these who are usually in close touch with its affairs say that they had not the least inkling that

say that they had not the least inkling that such action was I kely to take place. There was a rumor to-day that the remaining departments of the plant will close as soon as orders now in hand are filled, protably on next Sunday morning. This will throw 3,500 more medium of work.

John J. Mitchell, President of the Illinois Trust and Savings Back and the transfer agent of the Illinois Steel Company, said he had heard nothing of the action of General Superintendent Robinson, except what he had read in the newspapers.

"It does not seem probable that such a thing has been done," said Mr. Mitchell.

William H. Thompson, Treasurer of the Illinois company, said he knew nothing of the shut down or the causes that led to it. E. J. Buffington, President of the company, is now in New York. Other officers of the company said they knew nothing about the state of affairs at South Chicago. One of the stockholders of a relate's company said he was not surprised that the mills had closed. He said he was expecting it.

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"Overproduction is the reason for it, I should say," he added, "I did not know such an order had been issued by the head of the Federal Steel Company, but I have been looking for it. The steel mills of the country have too much manufactured product on hand. The prices have been too high and the sale of the output has fallen off. The railroads will not buy rails at the prices at which steel has been held and the result is that the mills must close down."

Big Batch of Sunday Scorchers.

In all they arrested 79 bicyclists for violating the speed or inance. Of these 45 were arrested in S-dzwick avenue alone. One man on an automobile was also arrested for going too fast. He was William R. Carpenter of 310 West 119th street, who is employed to run the machines. Policeman Jones chased him from 104th to Ninety-fifth street.

TO INSTRUCT FOR BRYAN.

STATE CONVENTION WILL OBRY CROKER, NOT HILL.

The Albany Sage Threw Up His Hands at a Conference at the Hoffman Yesterday-A. Van Wyck for Delegate-at-Large -A Heap of Trouble About the Platform.

The Hon. David Bennett Hill, Sage of Wolfert's Roost, Albany, has bowed the knee to the Hon. Richard Croker, Sage of Tammany Hall. There will be no fight in the Democratic State Convention in the Academy of Music to-morrow between the Hill and the Croker forces over instructing the New York delegation to Kansas City for Bryan. This announcement was made at the Hoffman House last night after a two-hours' conference in the rooms of ex-Senator Edward Murphy. There were present at the conference besides Mr. Murphy, Mr. Hill, Frank Campbell of Bath, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, John F. Carroll, temporary leader of Tammany Hall; Senato Thomas Francis Grady and James Shevlin. Senator Patrick Henry McCarren and ex-Supreme Court Justice Augustus Van Wyck of Brooklyn. Supreme Court Justice D. Cady Herrick of Albany wandered through the cor ridors of the hotel, but he was not invited to the conference.

Mr. Hill, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Campbell arrived at the hotel yesterday afternoon. were soon joined by Elliot Danforth, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Demo cratic State Committee; Senator William Fleming Mackey of Buffalo, Dr. John H. Girdner of New York city, Representative William Sulzer, and many others, not forgetting Undertaker McCarthy of Syracuse.

Mr. Croker had issued his mandate a week ago that the State Convention must indorse Bryan and instruct the delegates-at-large to Kansas City and the district delegates from the State for Bryan. Mr. Hill had said that the was willing that the State convention should say a kind word for Bryan, but the delegates must go to Kansas City uninstructed. Mr. Murphy with his nine delegates from Rensselaer and lifty-seven of the sixty-three delegates from Kings were at Mr. Hill's back. But it has been suspected for three or four days that the fifty-seven delegates from Kings were playing possum with Mr. Hill, and the same has been said of Mr. Murphy and his nine delegates from Rensselaer. Those acquainted with the situation were quite convinced yesterday that Mr. Murphy had been fooling with Mr. Hill, for they recalled that in the campaign of 1896 Mr. Murphy was heart and soul for Bryan and really believed that Bryan was to be elected.

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Anyway, it was decided the first thing yesterday, after the arrival of Mr. Hill. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Campbell at the Hoffman House that a conference was necessary. It was hastily called and Mr. Hill soon learned enough to make him throw up his hands. So, it was promised, the convention will be a Bryan convention in every respect except possibly as to the platform. The delegates-atlarge, it was said, are to be Mr. Hill, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Croker and ex-Justice Van Wyck, though it was said that Mr. Hill may hold to the threat his friends have made for him, to wit that if he was to be sent to Kansas City instructed for Bryan he would stay at home. This threat was again in the air last night, but how authentic it may be was not ascertainable. It was also declared that Mr. Yan Wyck may be "let down easy" by being elected a delegate-at-large and then giving place to James Shevlin or Senator McCarren.

Concerning the platform to be adopted by the convention there may be friction. It was discussed yesterday afternoon at the conference. It is Mr. Hill's idea that the platform should be a mass of labyrinthian subterfuges, should sound Bryanitish and yet not really be so, and should jingle bimetallism something after the fashion of Mr. Hill's famous Elmfra speech. But the real friends of Bryan in the State demand the reaffirmation of the Chicago platform of 1896. There is a threat hanging over this Democratic State Convention. Two weeks ago the Chicago platform Democrats are to send a contesting delegation to Kansas City. A conference of Bryan men is to be held at the Grand the regulars refuse in their convention to inderse the Chicago platform Democrats are to send a contesting delegation to Kansas City. A conference of Bryan men is to be held at the Grand tree is a threat and the regular security of the buil ring the Chicago platform Democrats are to send a contesting delegation to Kansas City. the cogulars refuse to come up to the bull ring the Chicago platform Democrats are to send a contesting delegation to Kansas City. A conference of Bryan men is to be held at the Grand Union Hotel this evening. Calvin E. Keach. President of the Bryan League No. 1 of Troy, is the moving spirit of this conference. Norman E. Mack of Buffalo and his Eric county followers are to come to town to-day. Mack has had consultations with Mayor James K. McGuire of Syracuse and other red-hot Bryan-Chicago platform Democrats. Mr. Hill. however, wants to be chairman of the Committee on Resolutions in Tuesday's canvention, and he is very much averse to any Chicago platform indorsement.

The Hon. Wharton Barker, candidate for President of the Middle-of-the-Road Populists, called upon Mr. Hill yesterday afternoon. Mr Barker reiterated what he sald in Cincinnati-that his nomination would take from Bryan 2:000.000 Populist votes which went to Bryan in 1806, furthermore that his nomination meant the sure defeat of Bryan at the polls and finally that it made Bryan's nomination at Kansas City exceedingly doubtful. Mr. Hill and Mr. Barker had a very interesting consultation.

The presence of Representative Sulzer

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The presence of Representative Sulzer resterday afternoon precipitated gossip as to Vice-Presidential possibilities. It was learned that the Democratic State Convention on Tuesday will not indorse any New Yorker for Vice-President. Undertaker McCarthy of Syracuse said yes-

Undertaker McCarthy of Syracuse said yesterday:
"Some scalawags up my way, knowing meto be the personal friend of Bryan, the thought to nominate me for Vice-President. No Sirree. I immediately got a circular giving the ticket to be nominated at Kansas City. Undertaker McCarthy showed his circular which begins this way:

BRYAN AND TOWNE!

Charles T. Towne is an ideal running mate for Bryan. The politicians have been trying for forty years to elect a Democratic President, and have failed. Now give the people a chance and they will elect a Democratic President and Vice-President. It has been, from a politician's standpoint, "the people be damned."

The undertaker said that since his arrival in town he had for the first time beheld the manly form of Representative Sulzer. "So I have concluded," he said, "to scratch out Towne's name and put in its place the name of me old friend Sulzer and in printing my circular you will, sir, make the correction." Here are some further extracts from the circular:

In the time of our Saviour there was one Judas in twelve, now there is one in three.

Let the leaders of the State of New York understand if they throw Bryan over this fall they will not have a Democratic Governor in twenty-five years. On the contrary, if they do their duty, Bryan will carry the State by a large majority, for he is the people's choice.

There are leaders in the Democratic party who have no more use for Bryan than the devil has for a saint. It was generally believed that the slate here-tofore printed in The Sun will go through: Exassemblyman John T. Norton of Troy for temporary chairman of convention and Elliot Danforth for permanent chairman. Just who is to control the new State Committee to be named by this convention is a problem. The Hill men are laving pipe for control and should they win Mr. Campbell also holds the place of Democratic National Committeeman for the State. He said yesterday that he was not a candidate for reslection to that place. A story was started to the effect that Ex-Senator Murphy would be elected National Committeeman.

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effect that Ex-Senator Murphy would be elected National Committeeman.

He promptly put a quietus upon it by declaring that he would not accept the place. The Democrats were a little nonplussed vesterday when they received word from Ned Gilmore as to just how long they could have the Academy for their convention. Mr. Gilmore said they could sit on Tuesday from 11 in the morning to 5 in the afternoon, but that a theatrical performance was on for the evening: also on Wednesday the Democrats could have the Academy for two hours in the morning, but that there was a matinée performance for the afternoon.

MEAT BILL PROTESTED. British Ambassador Sends a Note to the Ger-

man Foreign Office. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN BERLIN, June S .- Sir F. C. Lascelles, British Ambassador, has presented a note to

the Foreign Office complaining of the treatment

to which Australian canned meat will be subjected under the Inspection bill. On Here: Off at St. Louis.

Lackawanna Wahash luxurious new through car leaves here after June 2 at 10:00 A. M. daily, arriving Studio 2:00 P. M. next day Unexcelled meals at reasonable rates. Unrivalled seenery.—Adm.

COP HURT TO SAVE A BABY. Throws Himself in Front of a Tandom Bicycle and Keeps it Off the Child.

Policeman Frank Coyle returned to his post in Central Park , yesterday, after five weeks on the sick list as the result of being injured in a collision with a bicyclist. In the last six months be has been run down and hurt five times by bi-

Half an hour after Coyle reported for duty he was escorting a woman with a baby carriage across the East drive at Seventy-second street when he saw two boys approaching on a tandem at top speed. He shouted to them to slow up but they didn't. A hansom prevented his getting the baby carriage out of danger, so he stepped in front of it and received the full force of the collision with the bicycle. He was knocked down, badly bruised and had to go home on sick leave again. The boys on the andem were arrested. They said they were Bernard Cohn, 15 years old, of 236 East Third street and Louis Joseph 14 years old, of 147 Stanton street. They wese put in care of the Gerry society for the night.

MURDERER LUTZ WONT TALK.

He Has Been Stlent for Seventeen Days, Ever Since His Conviction WILKES-BARRE, Pa., June 8 .- Jail Warden Jackson and the keepers of the county prison would like some one to tell them whether the condemned wife murderer. John Lutz. is trying to drive himself insane. They are mystifled by his behavior. Ever since the verdict was given on May 17 he has been dumb. He will not speak to the keepers, he turns his back on visitors, he glares at reporters. Sleeping, eating and sitting silent on his cot is his daily routine, relieved every morning by helf an hour's walk up and down the corridor. There he pulls his hat down over his eyes and plods along. He is ignorant and he does not read so that his thoughts are his only companions. He is in a padded cell. He has been silent for seventeen days. The defence during his trial was insanity, but only one juror out of the twelve believed it and after holding out sixteen days he signed a first-degree verdiet against his expressed conviction. It is on this ground that a new trial will be asked. Lutz, so some who have seen him believe, is trying to drive himself insane by his continual silence, in the hope that undoubted insanity may save him from the gallows, or in the event of a new trial may get him acquitted. was given on May 17 he has been dumb. He

OARSMEN UPSET. Five Members of the Ocean Tacht Club Swim

Five members of the Ocean Yacht Club of Stapleton, Staten Island, had a narrow escape rom death by drowning yesterday in the waters of the upper pay. They were John Holibut, 21 years old: Irving Stap eton. 21 years old; James Dunn, 26 years old; Otto Schroeder, 24 years old, and James Schoen, 25 years old. They had accepted an invitation extended by the Windward Yacht Club in Brooklyn for a dinner yesterday, and in light rowing costume started out yesterday afternoon to go there. They went in a 40-foot four-oared shell. Schoen acted as coxswain. They got across the main channel all right, but just as they did so the

channel all right, but just as they did so the wash of a passing steamer upset the shell and all five men were in the water.

They shoute i for help, for the Brooklyn shore was a nile away, but the people on the steamer paid no heed. Then they started to swim for it. They all got to shore, but every man was greatly exhaus ed. When they reached the club of the Windwards, dry clothing was furnished them, and they are and enjoyed the danger. A naphtha launch went out, and after an hour's search tound the shell and towed it back to the clubhouse.

COPPER STRIKE IN EAST ORANGE. M. B. Wallace Thinks He Has a Benanza at

the flottom of a Well. EAST ORANGE, N. J., June 3.—The discovery of silver and copper ore in a well on the property of M. B. Wallace of 23 Grove street has aroused considerable interest. The discovery was through solid rock, carted moster the debris away, but one piece, weighing about a hundred pounds, was placed in front of Mr. Wallace's office, which adjoins his house, as a stepping office, which adjoins his house, as a stepping stone. Mr. Wallace noticed that there were greenish spots on the stone, and when a piece of copper ore taken from a mine was shown to him a few days ago, he was impressed with the similarity between the stones. He submitted a piece of his rock to the Raibach Smelting and Refining Works in Newark, and the assay showed that it contained 5.50 per cent. of silver and 8.80 per cent. of copper. Mr. Wallace, who is 83 years old, has not decided how to mine his silver and copper, but he says he will begin to take out ore as soon as he can secure the facilities.

RAILROAD STATION WRECKED.

plode-Station Agent Injured.

The large frame railroad station at Bayche ter on the Harlem River branch of the New Haven Railroad was wrecked at 1 o'clock yesterday by the explosion of three barrels of resolene which were in the freight room consigned to the Westchester Country Club for running automobiles and naphtha launches. The station agent, Edward Whitehead, was badly burned about his hands and head. The badly burned about his hands and head. The building took fire and the Park Hotel adjoining the station was saved by the prompt action of Patrolman Edward Rogan and Roundsman Maher of the park squad. The policemen formed a bucket brigade from a band of fishermen and excursionists gathered to watch the blaze and emptied all the water from several cisterns and wells on the smoking hotel. Yesterday afternoon the railroad company fitted up a box car and sent it to Baychester to take the place of the burned building.

TO FIGHT THE PAPER TRUST. Company Formed in Wisconsin to Contest for the Western Market.

APPLETON, Wis., June 3.-The General Paper Company of Wisconsin, which was incorporated at Milwaukee last week with a capital stock of \$100,000, held a meeting here on Saturday at which was represented every mill in Wisconsin now manufacturing print and manila papers. sin now manufacturing print and manila papers. An organization was perfected by the election of the following officers: President, J. A. Kimberly, Neenah: First Vice-President, N. H. Borkaw, Kaukauna: Second Vice-President, George A. Whiting, Neenah: Secretary and Treasurer L. M. Alexander, Milwaukee. The company represents about twenty-five mills. The admitted, but not openly avowed, purpose of the company is also to fight the International Paper Company, or so-called trust. for possession of the Western market, on which the Eastern trust has been vigorously encroaching of late.

WOULDN'T GET UP TO MARRY THEM. Magistrate and Aldermen Turn Away at Night a Would Be Wedding Party.

City Magistrate Charles A. Flammer was awakened a little after midnight yesterday by some one ringing his door bell, and when he stuck his head out of the window and asked what was wanted he saw a man and two women standing on the stoop.

"Judge," said the man, pointing to one of the women, "we want to get tied up. Will

you do the job?"

"I'm very sorry," said the Magistrate, "but some of the official papers that I need are at the court. I suggest that you go to the West Forty-seventh street police station."

The three went there and Sergt. Brennan sent them to the home of Alderman Muh at 513 West Forty-seventh street. Muh was in bed and refused to get up. He referred them to Alderman Metzger who lives at 353 West Forty-second street. This is an apartment house and the midnight visitors could not get inside to ring the Alderman's bell. as the front door was locked. It is not known what became of the party after that. All three composing it were well dressed.

PRICE TWO CENTS. SUNDAY RIOTS IN ST. LOUIS.

ANOTHER SHOOTING AND MORE DYNAMITE USED BY STRIKERS.

Explosive Put in a Cable Slot-Mob Attack Persons .Who Ride on the Street Cars -Posse Ordered to Report This Morning-Ammunition Will Be Distributed.

Sr. Louis, Mo., June 3.- The twenty-seventh day of the street car strike was marked by shooting, the blowing up of part of the Olive street cable line with dynamite and the assaulting of a number of women and their escorts for having ridden upon the Transit company's

Peter Frank, 16 years old, a painter, was mortally wounded by a shot fired from the rear platform of a Tower Grove car in South St. Louis. A mob were stoning the ear when one of the men on the back platform pulled a revolver and fired three shots, one hitting young Frank in the left breast.

Early this morning an explosion at Maryland and Boyle avenues startled the neighborhood Examination disclosed that dynamite had been dropped into the conduit at a curve, breaking

dropped into the conduit at a curve, breaking an iron yoke, shattering the conduit and tearing up the tracks so that it was impossible to operate cars over them all day.

A steamboat excursion was advertised to leave the foot of Lesperance street this morning, and many people took the opportunity for a day on the river, riding to the pier on the Southern electric cars over the Broadway line. As they alighted, singly and in groups, they were assailed by men and women strike sympathizers. Ernest Cooper was seriously injured by the mob. In half a dozen cases women were knocked down and their clothing partially torn off. A riot call was turned in and the police soon cleared the streets.

The First Missouri Volunteers, summoned last night, reported at the armory this morning, but some one had blundered and members of the regiment dispersed without being able to ascertain who authorized the call or its purpose.

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The posse comitatus thus far sworn in, 655 strong, drilled to-day. They were put through the "hay foot, straw foot" movement and afterward, when the Winchesters were distributed, undertook the manual of arms. Augustus A. Busch and Anthony R. Faust, with others, were subposneed to-day, sworn in and assigned to Company B, Judge Fisse captain in command. All lines, excepting the Olive street, were operated to-day, the Fourth street cable alone giving but two hours' service.

The posse comitatus has been ordered to report for active duty to-morrow morning as 9 o'clock, when ammunition will be distributed.

ESCAPING THIEF KILLED. Police Cornered Three on a Roof and Two

Fell.

One burglar was killed and one was seriously injured and, with the third, was captured in trying to escape after an attempt to rob Mayer Robinson's clothing store at 2001 Second avenue before daylight yesterday. Robinson heard the thieves at work. They ran when they heard Robinson getting up. Slipping on some clothes, he chased them toward Third avenue. Half way, Policemen Sherry and Bliss joined in the chase. The three burglars ran into 211 East

103d street and took to the roof. Two other policemen followed them upstairs while Sherry and Bliss went to the roof of 205 East 103d street, the last tenement in the row, hoping to head the burglars off if they were not caught. When they reached the roof one of the fugitives, James Smith of 1871 Third avenue, ran into the James Smith of 1871 Third avenue, ran into the arms of Policeman Sherry. The other two were not visible. After a while the two were seen trying to descend on a clothesline pole which is close to the wall of the house. Blias called to the men to come back or he would shoot. Just then the man on the pole nearest the top lost his balance and fell, striking the second thier, and both dropped into the yard in the rear of Post Office Branch Station U. The policemen hurried down stairs, tore down an s-foot fence which they found in their way and reached the prostrate thieves. One was dead; the other lay on his face seriously injured internally.

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The dead man was removed to the East 104th street station, where the body was identified as

afree data man was tended to the last to a street station, where the body was identified as that of Alexander Crow of 12 West 112th street. The injured man was taken to the Harlem Hospital. He said he was William Dickson of 210 East 103d street.

Two negresses who live on the top floor of the house nearest which the men fell say that they heard a struggle on the roof just before the bodies struck the ground. It sounded, they said last night, as if some one was pushed or thrown down, and somebody as he fell cried: "Oh, mamma!" Dickson's mother heard the stories of the two women and she went to her son in Harlem Hospital and asked him if the tale was true.

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"I guess that's right, mam!" he said, but wouldn't say any more.

The policemen deny that the men fell from the roof and stick to the clothesline pole story. Smith was taken to the Harlem police court and was held for examination. TAYLOR'S RETURN TO KENTUCKY.

cessful Campaign This Year.
Indianapolis, June 3.—Former Governor Taylor and Charles E. Finley held a conference with leading Kentucky Republicans here today, including the Postmaster and United States Marshal of Louisville, the subject under discussion being the return of Taylor to Kentucky to stand trial on the indictment to Kentucky to stand trial on the indictment found against him at Frankfort. It developed that there are a number of prominent Republicans in Kentucky who are opposed to Taylor making the race for Governor so long as he is a refugee from the State, and these base their objections wholly upon policy, saying that the party would be at a great disadvantage when its candidate, was under indictment and was remaining away to avoid arrest.

Others believe that Taylor can be elected despite this condition, but all conceded that he would be stronger if he would return and make his fight for vindication in the open. The Governor now has the question under advisement, with the chances in favor of his return to Kentucky. One of his visitors said after the conference that

der advisement, with the chances in favor of his return to Kentucky, One of his visitors said after the conference that he did not believe the party would rally to Taylor's support with enthusiasm if he were nominated and did not return to make a fight for the office.

"Such a thing," he said, "would be unprecedented and I question if he can be even nominated unless he returns and stands trial."

TO EXTRADITE NEELY.

Governor Signs the Warrant-Neely's Counsel Will Fight in the Courts. OYSTER BAY, June 3 - Gov. Roosevelt has signed the warrant of extradition for C. F. W. Neely, who is accused of embezzling postal

funds at Havana, and for whom Governor

General Wood sent a requisition. The warrant

was signed on Saturday and forwarded to United States District Attorney Burnett. Mr. John D. Lindsay of Neely's counsel said last night that he would reset the extradition of his client.

"I suppose," he said, "that the papers will be sent in the customary way to Capt. McClusky of the Detective Bureau, and as soon as we get official notification from him of the existence of the papers we will begin our fight against them. Both the federal courts and the State courte have jurisdiction in such cases, and I do not care to state to which court I will first apply."

BRITISH FLEET MAY VISIT US.

Admiral Redford Thinks of Stopping at Bas Harbor and Possibly New York. HALIFAX, N. S., June 3.—Admiral Bedford will take the British fleet to Bar Harbor if he can arrange the dates so that they will not conflict with his trip to Quebec and Montreal. This will likely be in the latter part of this month. He may extend his trip to New York.

Mr. Rockefeller Able to Read and Converse TARRYTOWN N. Y., June 3. - William Rockefel-

ler passed his first Sunday since he was operaated upon for appendicitis very pleasantly. ment house and the midnight visitors could not get inside to ring the Alderman's bell as the front door was locked. It is not known what became of the party after that. All three composing it were well dressed.

Fast Train for St. Louis

Via New York Central—Pig Four Route. Leave Grand Central Station 5: © P. M., arrive St. Louis 9:50 negt evening. Close cancetion for Kansas City. Me axcess fare.—Ads.